

# FGIS

*U.S. grain, rice, and other commodities flow from farm to elevator to destinations around the world.*

### GIPSA's

*Federal Grain Inspection Service*

*helps move our nation's harvest into the marketplace by providing farmers, handlers, processors, exporters, and international buyers with services that accurately and consistently describe the quality and quantity of the commodities being bought and sold.*

*FGIS establishes standard testing methodologies to accurately and consistently measure grain quality. The program provides for the impartial application of these grades and standards through a network of Federal, State, and private inspection agencies known as the official system.*



## Standards

GIPSA establishes official U.S. grading standards and testing procedures for grains, oilseeds, rice, lentils, dry peas, and a variety of edible beans. These standards are used each and every day by sellers and buyers to communicate the type and quality of grain bought and sold.

## Official System

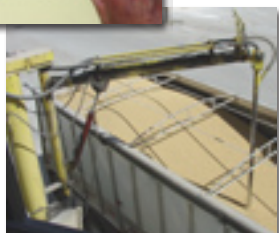
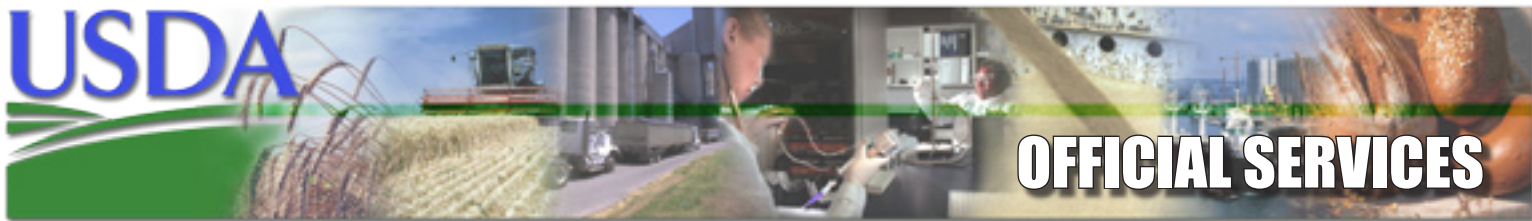
GIPSA oversees the official grain, rice, and commodity inspection and weighing system, a unique public/private partnership including federal, state, and private agencies that provides official inspection and weighing services to the domestic and export trade.

## Inspection Services

Official inspections of grains, oilseeds, and other agricultural and processed commodities are accurate and consistent because they are based on established standards and proven procedures, techniques, and equipment. The accuracy of officially approved equipment is verified and reverified by GIPSA scientists using finely calibrated master instruments and official reference methods. An extensive quality assurance program reviews and monitors the work of GIPSA inspectors. Tests and procedures are continually being developed to offer the latest information needed by buyers, sellers, and end users of U.S. grain.

## Specialty Grains

GIPSA is working aggressively to provide the agricultural sector with the quality assessment terms and methods (content and process based) it needs to meet the evolving markets of grain and related products. In response to rapid changes in the grain marketing system, FGIS continues to develop and modify the official U.S. grain standards to ensure they accurately reflect and support marketing practices.



- Sampling
- Grading
- Weighing
- Stowage Exam
- Mycotoxin Analysis
- Biotechnology Analysis
- Moisture Analysis
- Protein, Oil and Starch Analysis

- Falling Number
- TCK Smut Spores
- Wheat Hardness
- Pesticide Residue
- Heavy Metal Analysis
- Educational Services
- Rapid Test Performance Evaluation
- Process Verification Program

